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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Implementation of Certain NSC-Approved Joint Study Group Recommendations

1. We are forwarding the attached memorandum from Mr. Dulles for review and appropriate action. In view of the desire to present a progress report within thirty days Board members are asked to designate as soon as possible their representatives to work on this matter with the Coordination Staff. If desired, names of representatives may be forwarded to the USIB Secretariat (Code 163, Ext. 3402).

2. Unless requested to do so by a Board member we do not propose to place this matter on the agenda of a USIB meeting at this preliminary stage. However, there will be an opportunity for Board discussion following preparation of the initial progress report.

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MEMORANDUM FOR : The United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Implementation of Approved Recommendations

REFERENCE : NSC Action re: "Foreign Intelligence Activities" (including Recommendations of Joint Study Group), USIB-D-1.5/2, dated 19 January 1961

1. Recommendations 21, 22, and 23 of the Joint Study Group, relating to the problems of coordinating requirements, were approved by the National Security Council "in principle and subject to implementation by the United States Intelligence Board in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff." It is clear that full implementation of these recommendations will necessarily wait upon the results of studies and reviews now under way in the Department of Defense.

2. However, I believe it may be possible to identify and define some elements of the over-all requirements problem on which the intelligence community could usefully work, and the solutions to which would represent forward steps toward meeting the recommendations of the Joint Study Group. Examples of the type of projects which investigation might show would be feasible and useful to undertake at this time are the following:

a. A trial experiment on machine control of certain selected types of requirements. DCR + OD/E

b. The development of several integrated country guides with a view to ascertaining the practical problems involved in their preparation. more prepared to discuss in the Fall on.

c. A review to ascertain and identify those requirements which are valid yet which have not been accepted for collection by any collection component. 1193 Have we any?

d. An investigation and preparation of recommendations to the Board concerning the composition, functions and method of operation of the central body or clearing house for reviewing requirements recommended by the Joint Study Group.

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e. An investigation to determine the precise extent to which CIA's Office of Central Reference now maintains a record of all information collected through intelligence media, and to recommend steps to fill any lacunae in this regard.

f. A review of the subject fields allocated to the departments for collection by the NSCIDs, and preparation of recommendations for changes in these allocations, if desirable.

3. Accordingly, I have instructed my Coordination Staff to initiate an analysis of Joint Study Group Recommendations 21, 22, and 23, for the purpose of identifying those factors and elements thereof which we may be able to fulfill without prejudice to the ultimate decisions within the Department of Defense, and recommending methods and procedures for such actions pending manning of the Coordination Staff. I request that each member of the Board designate a representative to work with the Coordination Staff on this matter. I hope that the Staff will be able to furnish an initial report of progress within 30 days.

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ALLEN W. DULLES
Chairman

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